

TERMS

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Is it not time that the populists take charge of our state government again to reduce freight rates and raise railroad taxation? The populists may have given up their fight as a party but their work with the democratic party was product of much good to the people of the state of Nebraska. Anyone who is fair ought to admit that the populists did more for the interests of the farmer and ranchmen than any republican legislature.

Junction City voted on a library proposition at last week's election and failed to carry it by ten votes. There were more votes cast for it than against it, but the votes for it lacked ten of being a majority of all votes cast. This was due to the fact that ninety-six ballots were defective. It seems that notwithstanding their plan of escaping the burden of taxation by the well known system of "fines," the citizens of that town are a trifle reluctant to add anything to their load of taxes.—Manhattan (Kan.) Nationalist.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Chas. Reece, County Clerk is out to his ranch this week.

Al Thacher is having his room over the store papered.

A. B. Ries, of Crookston, was in the city one day last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Harris is thinking of opening up a stock of millinery soon in our city.

Hon. David Hanna and Wash Honey were in our city yesterday from Woodlake.

Mrs. McDonald was down from Crookston last Saturday and called at this office.

Wm. Tetherow moved this week onto the Geo. Hull ranch, which he recently purchased.

Ray Jones and Ed Elliott started Monday morning for Omaha to work at the carpenter trade.

John Harden is having a nice building erected on lots owned by his wife in the west part of town.

Max E. Viertel, the Crookston wide awake merchant, was in our city the first of the week on business.

There was a swell ball given at the Post last night by one of the officers. Several from town were present.

L. N. Layport has erected a water tank near his windmill and will now have water to burn during the hot days.

Will T. Seager writes us that his, "A Busy Day," Farce Comedy Company will be here shortly. Watch for dates.

Edmund Gerber was arrested yesterday for using profane and bad language on the street. He was placed in jail to await trial.

Mrs. Adelia Pettyerew is improving very much in health and is able to be up and walking about this week. She has had a severe attack of the grip.

The building being put up by Robt. McGeer is nearing completion and will be occupied by him as a saloon on May 1st if completed by that time.

The First National Bank is being rapidly built and the stone work will probably be finished this week. Mr. Cornell thinks he will be able to move into it by June 1st.

John Chaloud was transacting business in our city Tuesday.

F. M. Seger returned Saturday from Colorado, where he had been to bury his mother.

Straw hats made their first appearance on our streets yesterday, worn by three of our attorneys, F. M. Walcott, Ed Clarke and J. M. Tucker.

R. F. Pettyerew called yesterday while in town and introduced a couple of ladies who were out from Council Bluffs, Ia., to file on land in the west part of the county.

John Shaughnessy has purchased a bill of lumber of L. C. Sparks and has begun to rebuild his house that was partially destroyed by fire recently. He will rebuild as it was.

L. C. Sparks has been putting up lumber sheds and a new office building which will be a great saving of lumber and other building material from injury by the weather.

The Union hotel was taken charge of last Friday by Mrs. E. Massingale and will be conducted by her. Ray Jones had been running the hotel since the departure of his father to Iowa.

Mrs. E. M. Henderson and Mrs. M. L. Irwin, of Council Bluffs, Ia., visited our office yesterday while in our city to file on land. There were 12 soldier's widows who came in a bunch to file on land.

Miss Mutchmore, one of the teachers, was sick last week and Miss Brown took her place in the school room for a few days until her recovery. Miss Brown is in the western part of the county, looking after schools this week.

H. A. Daniels called on us yesterday and paid us a couple \$ on subscription. He has sold his land to his brother and is now entirely out of the ranch business but a saddle which he says he can't borrow to fit him though there are plenty of horses to be had.

A fight in town during the past week. One of our citizens was hurt but will soon be around again. Wm. Francke and Harry Hilsinger had a few words which came to blows. Some of their friends tried to separate them and in the melee Wm. Francke had his shoulder thrown out of place.

We are in receipt of some recent photographs of Dr. Seymour and family, which were made especially for his patients, also a booklet containing some very strong commendations. He requests that his patients write at once, if they have not received either, and he will be pleased to forward same.

Spring is here. The trees are budding and beginning to put out their leaves. Grass is growing and nature is smiling in the golden sunshine. Farmers are busy putting in crops and the cattle wander out on the prairies. It is hard to stay in doors and feel contented to work at dry books and lifeless paper.

A fight took place at the depot Monday between a soldier and a knight of the road, who happened to be hanging about the depot, waiting to catch a ride out. He called a colored soldier a "nigger" which raised his Irish and they fell to and scrapped it out. When the scrap ended both of them looked pretty much "hors de combat," but the tramp will probably use a little better grammar next time he has occasion to address a colored man who has the grit to join the army.

Ser'gt. Yours, of I company, was shot and instantly killed last Friday by a private in the same company who had a grievance against him because he had cursed the private about some trival matter and had said something distasteful to the private regarding his girl in the Philippines. The private will be held in the lockup until his preliminary which will probably be held before El. L. Heath, of Cody, some time in the near future. The Sergeant was buried at the Post cemetery.

Strawberries are on the market and are sold at 20c per quart. The quality is fine and the stores have a fresh quantity every morning that is readily devoured by the lovers of fruit.

J. E. Thackrey writes from Hot Springs, S. D., that he arrived there safely with his two boys at 4 p. m. Wednesday. Mrs. Thackrey and the two younger children leave on to-night's passenger to join them.

Mrs. Viola Cook has sold her house on Macomb street to Hezekiah Brown and is preparing to leave our town. Her friends regret that she is going away, but Mrs. Cook thinks she has better health in a lower altitude.

Clyde Pettyerew, a son of R. F. Pettyerew on the north table, had to give up his position in W. A. Pettyerew's store last week on account of sickness and is now staying at home on the farm. His brother Will has taken his place in the store.

Yesterday was Arbor day. School was dismissed in the afternoon and the children had a half holiday. Some went riding, some walking and others went fishing. Lawrence Ricc, son of the editor of this paper, went fishing with H. McCrea and caught 12 fish, weighing nearly half a pound each, in about an hour down at the Minnechadua Lake. He now wants a fishing pole.

Reports from the Manhattan (Kan.) papers chronicle the death of J. J. Davis, editor of the Mercury at that place, at the age of 53 years. Over work and enlargement of the liver had brought the man down to a state of ill health and was a ready victim of the grippe which hastened death. Mr. Davis was a wide awake newspaper man who had struggled from newsboy to the owner of a good plant and was a forceful writer and a strong democrat, making for himself the reputation of conducting one of the strongest democratic weekly papers in Kansas. It is but another case of a man beginning at the bottom of the round of the ladder and climbing upward only to learn that "the path's of glory lead but to the grave." A good man is not always appreciated while he lives. Various reasons might be assigned. Prejudice, jealousy and political preferment did not keep Mr. Davis down. It spurred him onward to make a stronger fight until with health impaired he sought, rest after 19 years as editor of the Mercury, Manhattan, Kan. He fought a good fight and kept the faith.

From the New Era.

Press Dispatches of April 9th note the appointment of William H. Kunse, of Logansport, Ind., as farmer at the Rosebud Boarding school.

A number from the Agency attended Easter services at St. Francis Mission. The music furnished by the pupils speaks well for the work done at that school.

Day school inspector, A. E. McFratridge, departed from here on Sunday morning with Chas. Good Beaver and Webster Iron Wing to Haskell Institute, Lawrence Kan., where the boys go for a five year's course of study. Haskell is one of the best schools in the service and it would please us to chronicle the departure of more pupils for there. No doubt Bro. Mac will tell our readers something about his trip and the school when he returns.

The Gregory County News is authority for the statement, that Jim Emery has an artesian well on his allotment on the north branch of Whetstone Creek which is spouting forth water at the rate of 100 gallons a minute. The flow was struck at 900 feet and the volume of water appears to be increasing. Ben Turgeon was the attending expert and we hope he will become responsible for more wells in that part of the reservation. Mr. Emery and Mr. Turgeon both are to be congratulated upon their success.

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Farmers' Mutual and Nebraska Mercantile Buy the Gerner Place for Their Own Use.

The Nebraska Mercantile Mutual and the Farmers' Mutual Insurance companies yesterday purchased through John S. Reed, the building at 1218-22 P street, known as La Garner place. The building will be remodeled and used as the permanent home of the two organizations. Each company buys an undivided half interest, and both will occupy the property on the terms of independence and mutual helpfulness that have prevailed since their organization. The price paid is \$12,000. It is said that the rent the companies are now paying will pay for this property in a little more than six years and give them virtually free rent thereafter. The purchase price will be paid in cash out of the reserve funds.

The idea of buying a home for the companies has been entertained for several months, and at the annual meetings at the beginning of the year the directors were granted the power to act. The Farmer's Mutual has moved nine times in its history, while the Mercantile has been obliged to seek new quarters four times. The expense of fitting up suitable vaults for the steadily expanding business is considerable, and has now reached such a figure that it is considered necessary to check it by stopping the practice of moving. The only way the directors could do that was to buy property that would permit the companies to settle down for life.

The Gerner building is located on the north side of P street between Twelfth and Thirteenth. It is on lot 9, block 37. It is 42x70 feet in size, with two high stories and a good basement. It is strongly built of brick and stone. At present it contains 4 flats, each of six rooms. It is planned to connect the six rooms with archways in a way to make roomy business offices. In the rear a vault will be built large enough for the records. The whole building will be used by the two companies, except the basement which has been rented to printing and plumbing concerns.

All of the directors of the two companies were in session considering this matter yesterday. They looked over the buildings and heard all the real estate men had to say, finally deciding by a unanimous vote that it would be more business like to buy a home for the companies than to own a large office building. The directors of the Mercantile were in session again last night winding up the business of the session, while the directors of the Farmer's Mutual were across the street at the Oliver theatre investigating the possibilities of writing a few policies for the Si Plunkard company. All of them were feeling pleased over the work of the day, and particularly elated over the development of the business. The two companies now have more than \$50,000, 000 of insurance. To care for this volume of business requires a steadily growing force of employees. The companies have become so large that their settling down to stay in Lincoln will be a cause for congratulation among business men and property owners.—State Journal.

Ex County Commissioner Alex Burr called on us yesterday and we enjoyed a pleasant visit. Mr. Burr is in as a witness for Mrs. Haley in proving up on a homestead.

We have heard it remarked that Dr. Seymour's prices were so much higher than other specialists, that people sometimes failed to see him on this account. We think this is a mistake, as it does not cost people anything to talk to the doctor and they are at liberty to have the work done or otherwise, as there is no expense for consultation.

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